

REMARKS

Claim 21 is canceled.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-20 and 22-26 will be active.

The specification has been amended to conform with the requirements for denoting a SEQ ID NO. for a sequence listing.

An Abstract is attached.

Applicants enclose herewith a Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing. Support for all of the sequences listed in the substitute Sequence Listing is found in the present application as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the Sequence Listing and the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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